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SOVIET PEAT ENTERPRISES COMPLEX SEASONAL PLANS; SOME DEFICIENCIES NOTED

The Chernoramenskiy Peat Trust has completed its 1950 plan ahead of schedule extrated 178,000 tons of peat above plan. The Postwar Five-Year Plan for peat extraction was completed on 7 June 1950.

Since 1946, 2,740 hectares of new area have been exploited and mechanization peat loading has increased from 50 to 100 percent. Eighty percent of the ditchdigging work was mechanized, as against only 15 percent in 1946. Two new enter-prises, the Demidovskiy and "Bol'shoy," were put into operation.

The moisture content of pear exported by the Chernoramenskiy Peat Trust was gradually lowered from 40.4 percent in 1946 and 39.5 percent in 1947 to 34.0 percent in 1948, 27.4 percent in 1949, and 28.5 percent in 1950 (first 6 months). The ash content decreased from 13.2 percent in 1946 to 12.9 percent in 1950.(1)

The Ministry of Local Fuel Industry Latvian SSR completed its 1950 plan for peat extraction, which was considerably higher than a year ago (2), and the Smor lensk Peat Trust completed its seasonal plan ahead of schedule (3). In addition the following peat enterprises have completed their 1950 plans for peat extraction ahead of schedule:

"Priyedayne" (27 days earlier than scheduled) (4)

"Mikhanovichi" (Belorussian SSR) (5)

"Lukskiy" (Belorussian SSR) (5)

"Kim" (Belorussian SSR) (5)

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"Shilutskiy" (fifth enterprise to complete plan in Lithuania)

"Duseykyayskiy"

"Reshe" (6)

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"Dukora" (7)

"Krasnoya Znamya" (7)

"Glubotskiy" (7)

"Tugolitsa" (7)

"Tootsi" (on 2 August; 38 days earlier than last year) (8)

"Skrunda" (on 1 August) (9)

"Radvilichkskiy (5,000 tons more than scheduled) (10)

Enterprises of the Shaulyay Administration (10)

Although the peat enterprases of the Belorussian SSR made much progress in production and mechanization in recent years, many enterprises are not operating at a profit because they failed to complete their production plans. In 1949, the following enterprises were included in this group: the "Dukora" Peat Enterprise completed only 76 percent of its plan, "Dobeyevskiy Mokh" only 36 percent, Enterprise imeni Daymana 74 percent, "Plovushcheye" 57 percent, "Belitskoy" 82 percent, "Gonoles" 96 percent, and "Svoboda" 99 percent. In these enterprises the cost of the finished product was 7 to 30 rubles per ton over the planned cost.

Unmarketable (undried) peat and poor accounting were responsible for increased production costs in 1949. This increase amounted to 2 rubles 50 kopeks for one ton of hydropeat, 3 rubles 60 kopeks for hydro-elevator peat, and 4 rubles 30 kopeks for bucket-elevator peat. Semimechanized methods of extraction have also increased production costs of peat and made profitable operations difficult.

Thus, only the completion of production norms and the production of highquality fuel will make peat extraction a profitable operation. Since 1948 the Belorussian peat industry on the whole has worked without government subsidy and is increasing its capital accumulation from year to year.

The importance of mechanizing peat production is demonstrated by the "Tootsi" Peat Enterprise, which requires one sixth the number of productional workers required by enterprises of the Ministry of Local Fuel Industry Belorussian SSR. The "Tootsi" Peat Enterprise has mechanized all phases of peat production from the raw material to the finished briquette.(5)



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